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### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 1, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims:

#### 49. A composition comprising:

- a) a plasmid comprising a target nucleic acid sequence;
- c) at least two single-stranded targeting polynucleotides which are substantially complementary to each other, and which further comprise a homology clamp that substantially corresponds to or is substantially complementary to said target nucleic acid sequence; and

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d) at least one recombinase.

